

TOPIC: EVANGELISM AND MISSION, CHURCH PLANTING

ROOT CAUSES OF EVANGELISM AND MISSION, CHURCH PLANTING UNDER-DEVELOPMENT-NATIONAL LEVEL	1. Complacency/conformity: Timid-afraid to say the right thing
	2. Inadequate knowledge on missions, evangelism and Church
	3. Lack of agencies to mobilize the church on mission, evangelism and church planting; poor planning
	4. Lack of sustained program for evangelism, mission and church planting
	5. Lack of missions association to conduct research and mobilization
	6. Inadequate prayer force; inadequate trained manpower; misplaced priorities
	7. In fighting/disunity among churches; mismanagement of resources
	8. Lack of Christian ethics; denominational/doctrinal barriers
	9. Self centeredness; carnality; cultural barriers/tribalism; inadequate or no financial investment in the areas; inadequate counseling program
	10. Lack of passion for the lost, for planting new and growing churches; Inadequate research information on culture, language/people groups/unreached
	11. Hypocrisy; poor or no deliberate investment in manpower development
	12. Inadequate discipleship & nurturing programs
	13. Syncretism/occultism - involvement in Free Mason; UBF; Poro/Sande societies
	14. No holistic approach to missions, evangelism and church planting
	15. No deliberate support programs; lack of visionary leader in the area
	16. Illiteracy; church growth by migration and not by conversion
THE EFFECTS	1. No spirituality & strong religiosity
	2. Lack of awareness
	3. Man's priority instead of God's priority
	4. Tribal/denominational churches instead of Gospel centered-church

THE WAY FORWARD	1. Evangelism, missions and church planting must be church's first priority
	2. Create awareness and strategic training on evangelism and church planting
	3. Establish a national mission board that seeks to the coordination of existing mission, evangelism and church planting agencies and see to the establishment of new ones
	4. Church should establish programs that facilitate missions - evangelism and church planting endeavors
	5. Church should focus their prayer on harvest of souls and organize strategic prayers towards the above needs
	6. Unity of the body of Christ must be the priority of all churches
	7. Church should embark on programs that will help generate passion for soul winning
	8. Focus priority on kingdom matters and not on things that easily divide us
	9. Effective discipleship program should evolve as part of the life spring of the church
	10. Church members involvement in secret society (Masons, etc.) should be discouraged
	11. Holistic approach to mission, evangelism and church planting is inevitable
	12. Financial provision for church planting, evangelism and missions should term part of the core of the church budget
	13. Specialized training on these areas should form part of the core syllabus of our theological colleges & seminaries, and should be part of church discipleship programs
	14. Research into unreached people and the measurement/evaluation of the impact of the gospel among the reached should be conducted from time to time so as to generate applicable research information. Publish results for the awareness and mobilization of the church into action
	15. Personal evangelism and true life Christian witness on daily basis should be encouraged
	16. Every local church should make it a deliberate plan to plant at least one new living church annually

SUMMARY	IF THE CHURCH WILL HEED THE SUGGESTIONS MADE TODAY, AND BEGIN TO TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS IN MAKING EVANGELISM, MISSIONS AND CHURCH PLANTING THE PRIMARY TASK OF THE CHURCH, WE WILL NOT ONLY BE A NATION WITH RICH CHRISTIAN HERITAGE, BUT WITH PRACTICING CHRISTIANS IN EVERY ASPECT OF THE NATION